CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1 1. A method for displaying an Electronic Programming Guide (EPG)

2 comprising:

3   displaying a three dimensional polyhedron;

4   forming a plurality of planes positioned in said polyhedron, said planes

5 comprising at least one object, said object comprising at least one interactive

6 surface.

Sub C²

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said polyhedron is displayed with an

2 isometric view.

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1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said EPG is displayed exclusive of three

2 dimensional graphics circuitry.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of said object will select a

2 program provided on a certain channel at a certain time.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said object is independent of said

2 polyhedron.

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1 6.   The method of claim 1, wherein said object represents a certain television

2 program on a certain channel at a certain time.

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1 7.   The method of claim 1, wherein said polyhedron is a cube.

1 8.   The method of claim 1, wherein said planes are parallel.

1 9.   The method of claim 1, wherein said planes correspond to levels of

2 preference.

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1 10.   The method of claim 1, wherein said object is a pictogram.

Sub C⁵

1 11.   The method of claim 7, wherein said cube further comprises three axes.

1 12.   The method of claim 11, wherein said axes correspond to time, channel,

2 and user preference.

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1 13.   An Electronic Program Guide (EPG) comprising:

2   a three dimensional polyhedron comprising a plurality of planes,

3   said planes comprising at least one object, and

4   said object representing at least one interactive surface.

1 14.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said polyhedron is displayed with an

2 isometric view.

1 15.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said EPG is displayed exclusive of three

2 dimensional graphics circuitry.

1 16.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein the selection of said object will select a

2 program provided on a certain channel at a certain time.

1 17.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said object is independent of said

2 polyhedron.

1 18.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said object represents a certain television

2 program on a certain channel at a certain time.

1 19.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said polyhedron is a cube.

1 20.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said planes are parallel.

1 21.   The EPG of claim 13, wherein said planes correspond to levels of

2 preference.

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1　22.　The EPG of claim 13, wherein said object is a pictogram.

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1　23.　The EPG of claim 19, wherein said cube further comprises three axes.

1　24.　The EPG of claim 23, wherein said axes correspond to time, channel, and

2　user preference.

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1　25.　A system for displaying an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) comprising:

2　　　a memory; and

3　　　a first unit to display a three dimensional polyhedron; and

4　　　said first unit to further display a plurality of planes positioned in

5　said polyhedron, said planes comprising at least one object, said object

6　comprising at least one interactive surface.

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1　26.　The system of claim 25, wherein said polyhedron is displayed with an

2　isometric view.

1　27.　The system of claim 25, wherein said EPG is displayed exclusive of three

2　dimensional graphics circuitry.

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1　28.　The system of claim 25 wherein the selection of said object will select a

2　program provided on a certain channel at a certain time.

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1 29.   The system of claim 25, wherein said object is independent of said

2 polyhedron.

1 30.   The system of claim 25, wherein said object represents a certain television

2 program on a certain channel at a certain time.

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1 31.   The system of claim 25, wherein said polyhedron is a cube.

1 32.   The system of claim 25, wherein said planes are parallel.

1 33.   The system of claim 25, wherein said planes correspond to levels of

2 preference.

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1 34.   The system of claim 25, wherein said object is a pictogram.

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1 35.   The system of claim 31, wherein said cube further comprises three axes.

1 36.   The system of claim 35, wherein said axes correspond to time, channel,

2 and user preference.

37. A machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of

2   instructions which are executable by a processor, and which, when executed by

3   the processor, cause the system to perform a method for displaying an Electronic

4   Programming Guide (EPG) comprising:

5   displaying a three dimensional polyhedron; and

6   forming a plurality of planes positioned in said polyhedron, said planes

7   comprising at least one object, said object representing an interactive surface.

38. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said polyhedron is

2   displayed with an isometric view.

1   39. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said EPG is displayed

2   exclusive of three dimensional graphics circuitry.

1   40. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein the selection of said

2   object will select a program provided on a certain channel at a certain time.

1   41. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said object is

2   independent of said polyhedron.

1   42. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said object represents

2   a certain television program on a certain channel at a certain time.

43. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said polyhedron is a cube.

44. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said planes are parallel.

45. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said planes correspond to levels of preference.

46. The machine readable medium of claim 37, wherein said object is a pictogram.

47. The machine readable medium of claim 43, wherein said cube further comprises three axes.

48. The machine readable medium of claim 47, wherein said axes correspond to time, channel, and user preference.